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Mr. Allen Fiksdal  
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Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

My name is John R. Frey, and I am writing this letter to make comment about the draft EIS for the proposed 660 megawatt power plant in Sumas. I live in Northeast Whatcom County at 8472 Carl Road, Everson Wa. 98247 - five miles south of the proposed plant. My main concerns are two-fold: water usage and air pollution.

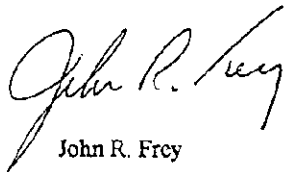
One concern has to do with the tremendous amount of water that the proposed plant would use. The aquifer that would be tapped is the same aquifer that is used by the city of Abbotsford, British Columbia. The lower Fraser Valley is an area with an extremely rapid growing population. I believe that the Abbotsford area has around 100,000 people, and it is rapidly becoming more populated as Canadians move east from more populated areas to the west. In addition, the northern part of Whatcom County has problems with aquifer contamination. Many people living in this area cannot drink their well water because of fecal contaminants. Did the EIS take into consideration that the tremendous amount of water used by this plant would further concentrate the pollutants in an area where drinking water is a major concern because of polluted ground water?

Did the EIS for this plant also take in consideration that the predominant winds in Whatcom County are from the Southwest? The pollutants will be blowing into British Columbia, an area that already has pollution from industry and a tremendous amount of vehicle traffic.

Are there international repercussions that were overlooked with regard to the aquifer shared by Sumas, Washington and Abbotsford, British Columbia and the air pollutants crossing the border on a nearly daily basis? Will the volume of water used by this plant put Whatcom County's already sensitive drinking water situation in even more jeopardy? Many of us that live near Sumas on the Washington side think those are legitimate questions, and I'm sure that many of the people in Canada agree.

Thank you for receiving my comments.

Sincerely,



John R. Frey

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